

Georgetown City Council Meeting  
August 8, 2011  
6:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Georgetown City Council was called to order by Mayor Everette Varney, with all members present. After a moment of silence, Councilmember Tackett led the pledge

1. **Minutes**

A motion was made by Councilmember Tackett and seconded by Councilmember McEuen to approve the minutes from the City Council meeting held . **The motion was unanimously approved.**

2. **Acknowledgement receipt of bills:**

Mayor Varney requested that Council acknowledge receipt of bills. Councilmembers all acknowledged such receipt.

3. **Public Concerns**

- a) Eric Larson announced the City of Georgetown and Toyota were partnering in the sale of rain barrels. Details about the sale can be found on the city's website.
- b) Kitty Dougoud reported the city placed forty second in the Pepsi Challenge. The City has been invited to participate again next year. The city has been accepted to submit an application to the Kentucky Cultural District Certification Program. A public meeting will be held August 23, 2011 at 7:00 pm for anyone interested in the program.
- c) Tommy Jones expressed concern about weeds on Erica Drive. He does not think the ordinance currently used is strict enough. Councilmember Penn assured Mr. Jones that the council will be looking at this ordinance to see what can be done to insure owners and developers maintain their property.
- d) Jay Griffin asked the council when the tall grass and weeds would be mowed in Oxford Place Subdivision. Mr. Griffin said that the developer had mown some of the tall grass but the Johnson grass is beginning to seed. Councilmember Thompson asked about the bond that developers must have in order to start building. Mayor Varney said that the bond is very specific and is used for sidewalks and curbs.

4. **Mayor's Comments**

- a) Proclamations were read for three retirees of the city. Brian Sageser and Jerry Lynn retired from the fire department and Donald Lunsford retired from the Police Department.
- b) Mayor Varney attended a baseball tournament recently at Suffoletta Park.

He was approached by several people about the portable toilets that must be used during the tournament. Mayor Varney believes events like these bring many visitors to our city and he would like for people to know that Georgetown is really great place to live and visit. Public restrooms at our parks are a necessity.

5. City Attorney/City Clerk

- a) Resolution 11-013 approving the Salvation Army contract was read. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilmember Tackett and seconded by Councilmember Penn. **The motion was unanimously approve.**
- b) Municipal Order 11-015 the execution of quitclaim to Pinnacle Real Estate Group LLC was read. A motion to approve the quitclaim was made and and seconded. **The motion was unanimously approved** with Councilmember Lusby recusing himself.
- c) Municipal Order 11-016 was read authorizing the Mayor to execute a tate task force agreement between the City of Georgetown, acting through the Georgetown Police Department and the drug enforcement administration in Lexington, Kentucky. A motion to approve the order was made by Councilmember Lusby and seconded by Councilmember Thompson.
- d) Mowing Neglected Lots- City Attorney Logan Askew met with Building Inspection, Code enforcement and Planning and Zoning concerning neglected yards and developments around the city. Violets Trace is one of the developments that has had several complaints. There is a home owners association for this development but it is not active. The ordinance that governs how these areas should be maintained could be amended to make a home owners association mandatory for cluster subdivisions. Currently the developer is responsible for maintaining common areas until the home owners association is formed. Councilmember Singer asked Code Enforcement officer Jessie Jones what steps are taken to enforce the current ordinance. Mr. Jones stated he first receives a complaint phone call a letter is then sent to the home owner or developer if the property has not been taken care of within ten days it is then mowed by the city and the property owner is invoiced. If the invoice is not paid within seven days a lien is placed against the property.

6. Public Works

- a) Resolution 11-014 approval for salt bid for fiscal year 2011-2012 was read and a motion to approve was made by Councilmember Tackett and seconded by Councilmember Skinner. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- b) Terry Thomas Director of Public Works is having problems with bed bugs in mattresses that are being put out on curbs. He is now requesting

residents put mattresses in plastic bags which can be purchased specifically for mattresses.

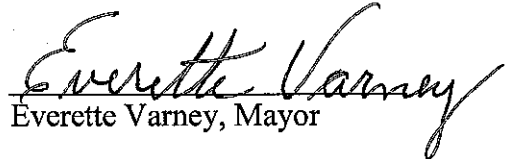
7. **Finance**

- a) Fiscal year 2011 estimates were distributed by Finance Director Betty Pendergrass. Ms. Pendergrass stated that preliminary collections for insurance premium tax and withholding are substantially less than forecasted. Accruals for June will end July 31, 2011. Ms. Pendergrass said that the fiscal year 2011 financial statements by the end of September.
- b) Resolution 11-015 approval for a wide area network/telephone bid was read and a motion was made by Councilmember Tackett and seconded by Councilmember Prather. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- c) First reading of ordinance 11-004 to amend the fiscal year 2012 budget. The amendment was due to several grants that several city departments have received but had not been included in the budget.

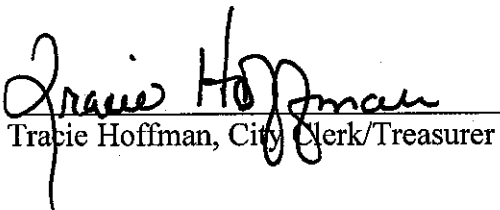
8. **Adjournment**

**A motion for adjournment was made by Councilwoman Tackett and seconded by Councilmember Penn. Motion unanimously approved.**

APPROVED BY:

  
Everette Varney, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

  
Tracie Hoffman, City Clerk/Treasurer